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Dr. Ivan Docheff;
Maria Docheff, ^{Wife of}
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Mrs. Maria Docheff, 35-22 37th Street,
Elmhurst, New York City (NYC), New York, wife of
Dr. Ivan Docheff, President of the Bulgarian National
Front of America (BNF), was interviewed in his presence
by Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI), at the office of the BNF, Room 313, 1639 Broadway,
NYC, on September 18, 1967, and she advised as follows:

Cit. W. Germany Sometime in 1962, possibly 1963, while she was
a medical student at the University of Heidelberg, Germany,
she was approached by Dr. Edward Wahl, a member
Official of the West German Parliament (Dr. Wahl's residence address:
Albert-Goerle Strasse, 22, Heidelberg, Germany, telephone
number 43826).

Dr. Wahl asked her to consider taking a
trip during her summer vacation to Bulgaria and possibly
to East Germany. When she told him that this would be
impossible as she and her husband were political exiles
from Bulgaria, he implied that her refusal to do so
could jeopardize her future as a medical student at the
university.

A few months later, Dr. Wahl again contacted
her to determine if she had come to a decision. She
again expressed her refusal to comply with his wishes.
Her last contact with Dr. Wahl was the early spring, 1967.
He was still interested in her making these trips. She
advised him that she had no intention of making such trips.

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After the second visit by Dr. Wahl, Mrs. Docheff was called to the office of (Dr.) Helmut Ferner, Director of the Anatomical Institute at the University of Heidelberg and President of the Medical Examinations Commission.

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Dr. Ferner advised her that if she did not comply with Dr. Wahl's request to make such a trip abroad, she would not be able to finish her medical courses at the university. Mrs. Docheff was contacted on several occasions later by Dr. Ferner and he expressed his concern with her refusal to cooperate with Dr. Wahl.

Shortly after the second or third contact by Dr. Ferner, she was interviewed by Frau Roswita Botz, Examinations Secretariat, Anatomical Institute and the personal secretary of Dr. Ferner. Botz suggested that she should cooperate with Dr. Ferner as it would be of assistance to her in pursuing her studies at the university. Mrs. Docheff and Botz became close friends and visited each other at their residences. Botz often mentioned that Mrs. Docheff should cooperate with Dr. Ferner as he could be of help to her future at the university. Mrs. Docheff did not feel that Botz was other than a good friend. However, she later felt, sometime, possibly in 1964 or 1965, that Botz was using their friendship under Dr. Ferner's direction, to persuade her to cooperate with the doctor.

She explained that it was at that time, while in the Secretariat Office, filling out some forms to obtain the marks that she had received in her courses; that Botz asked her to sign a blank form and that she, Botz, would insert the necessary marks at a later time. Later, when Mrs. Docheff thought that it was unusual to have to sign such a blank form, she spoke to Botz about the matter. Botz denied knowledge of having received such a form from Mrs. Docheff and told her that her records did not reflect such a form in the files.

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Mrs. Docheff feels that this blank form with her signature could have been possibly filled in with incriminating statements that she was operating under the direction of the West German Intelligence Service (WGIS).

Cit. W. Germany Sometime in 1965, Mrs. Docheff does not recall whether it was prior to or after her husband's visit to Munich, Germany, during the summer of 1965, (Dr) occ: Government
Woz Rudolf Hild contacted her at the university. OFFICIAL

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Although Mrs. Docheff has no definite information or knowledge that Dr. Wahl or Dr. Ferner were interested in her services for intelligence purposes, she definitely feels that this was Dr. Hild's purpose. Dr. Hild, whom she considers to be an intelligence officer of the WGIS, did not merely ask her to cooperate, but demanded that she do so. He told her that she would have to make a trip abroad, possibly to Bulgaria or East Germany. He said that she need not worry about her examinations at the university and that she would be taken care of. When she expressed her reluctance to make such a trip, Dr. Hild told her that she should forget about continuing her studies for her medical degree. He said he was only interested in knowing the type of work she wanted to do as an "agent" for him abroad.

Mrs. Docheff denied having become involved in any of these offers and demands. She feels that this was the reason she was failed in her re-examinations in her courses during the past semester and is academically unacceptable at the university.

Mrs. Docheff also feels that her continued refusal to become involved in intelligence work for the WGIS was the basis for an attempt on her life.

She explained that sometime in 1965, and she believes it was after her husband's visit abroad in the summer of 1965, she punctured a nail on the finger of her left hand while engaged in clinical work.

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She was treated by a Dr. Rudolph, a surgeon at the university clinic. He decided it was necessary to remove the fingernail. He did so and gave her an injection in the arm which she feels caused her entire hand to become infected. She became seriously ill and was admitted as an emergency case to the American Military Hospital near her residence about midnight of the day that she was treated by Dr. Rudolph. W Germany

She was operated on by a Dr. Fleming at this hospital and later learned that if the operation had been postponed for only a few hours later, she would possibly have had to have an amputation of her left arm, very possibly with fatal results.

When her visit to the American Hospital was brought to the attention of the officials at the university, she was severely criticized for having done so and advised that this was a matter of interest only to the university. Mrs. Docheff feels that her action in this regard, also adversely affected her standing as a medical student at the university.

Doctor Docheff advised on September 18, 1967, as follows: CIT: BULGARIA? NO 201 OCC: Government official

In the Summer, 1965, he met George Kostoff, an executive member of the BNF in Paris, France. Kostoff had previously written indicating that he had something of the utmost importance to discuss with him. Kostoff made the arrangements and financed the trip.

When they met, Kostoff admitted that he is an agent of the WGIS. He told Docheff that he was under instructions to attempt to recruit him and members of the BNF for intelligence operations abroad. Docheff indicated that he was not interested in such a proposition. Also, Kostoff wanted to continue his membership in the BNF. Docheff persuaded him to resign as his relationship with the WGIS could result in embarrassment to the BNF.

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When Docheff refused to permit Kostoff to recruit members of the BNF for intelligence work with the WGIS, Kostoff pleaded with him to meet with some of his associates in Munich. Docheff agreed to do so. Docheff explained that he was anxious to determine exactly what interest WGIS had in him and the BNF.

Kostoff admitted that he was being paid 400 marks monthly for his work with the WGIS. Docheff does not know the extent of Kostoff's operations for the WGIS.

Docheff also said that when he spoke to Kostoff in Paris, Kostoff admitted that it was not he but the WGIS who had arranged for Kostoff to have Docheff make the trip abroad and that it had financed the trip.

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(Col.) *AW. Germany*
Kostoff and Docheff drove by car from Paris, to the estate of Colonel V. Emilian, Jagerstrasse 12, Fuerstenfeldbruck, a village about 20 miles from Munich. Docheff remarked that Emilian, a former colonel in the Rumanian Army, impressed him as being the chief intelligence officer of the WGIS in the Munich area.

Emilian propositioned him to work for the WGIS and to use the facilities of his organization, the BNF, to develop certain intelligence operations abroad and specifically in Bulgaria. Docheff refused to commit himself explaining that the BNF is solely a political organization.

Returning to Munich, Docheff stayed at the Wolf Hotel, Bahnhofstrasse, opposite the Munich railroad station. About two days later, Emilian came to the hotel and told Docheff that he wished him to meet two German associates of his. Kostoff drove them to an apartment house in Munich, the location of which Docheff does not know. He recalled that the apartment took in a square block, had a circular driveway and gardens in its center. The drive took about 15 minutes.

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Here, they met Emilian's associates. Docheff feels they were definitely German and one of whom spoke excellent English conducted the conversation with Docheff in this language. The names of these two individuals Docheff could not recall.

They, too, expressed their interest in utilizing Docheff and the BNF for anti-Communist operations abroad. They wanted him to open a BNF office in Munich and to stay on in Munich, to head such an office. They indicated that "they", understood by Docheff to mean the WGIB, would finance the office, pay him a substantial salary and would use the office for operational purposes.

They were also interested in determining the cost of recruiting certain members of the BNF, who would be suggested by Docheff, for intelligence operations in Bulgaria.

Docheff told them it would cost about 20,000 marks to properly train a member of the BNF for such an assignment. He was told that the matter would be taken under advisement. Docheff then visited Vienna, Austria, was gone about three days and returned to Munich where he again met Emilian in a Rumanian restaurant near the Wolf Hotel. |||

Emilian expressed his disappointment in the negative attitude that Docheff had taken to his and his associates' propositions. He asked Docheff to at least give the names of five members of the BNF to Kostoff when Docheff returned to Paris.

When he returned to Paris, Docheff furnished five names of members of the BNF to Kostoff. He could not recall these names during this interview. However, he made the names

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available on September 27, 1967, as follows.

	Out BULGARIA?
Engineer George Gindoff Pulvertungasse 2/31, Vienna 9, Austria	member of the BNF
Joseph Petrov, Michel Chauvet 15, Geneva, Switzerland	
Datsy Nikoloff Rue du Trone 93, Brussels, Belgium	
Nikola Atanasoff Asogatan 172, Stockholm 50, Sweden	
Todor Mushanoff Guipuzcoa 10-2D, Madrid 20, Spain	

It is to be noted that the correct name of Colonel Emilian and the location of his estate outside Munich, as set forth above was furnished during the interview of Docheff on September 27, 1967. Also, on this latter date, he advised that George Kostoff formerly resided at Rue de Passy 55, Paris 16, France, and now lives at Rue Theodule Ribot 10, Paris 17, France.

On September 21, 1967, Docheff advised that after the interview of September 18, 1967, his wife recollected that there were others at the university whom she considered as possibly being engaged in intelligence work for the WGIS or some

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other intelligence service. Docheff mentioned during the interview, that he only had some general information about these individuals, but that his wife was attempting to determine their names and would furnish them to him at a later date.

On September 27, 1967, Docheff furnished the following information regarding these individuals which he said he received from his wife:

No 26 *Cit.* *OCC*
Danko Halilovich, of ~~Yugoslavian~~ birth, a student at the university, and a close friend of Frau Botz, to whom he introduced Mrs. Docheff. He asked Mrs. Docheff on several occasions why she did not "work for us". Several months after they met, Halilovich disappeared from the campus and the rumor was that he had been arrested by the German police. Frau Botz also told Mrs. Docheff this and later that Halilovich had committed suicide in his prison cell. *A.W. Germany*

No 21 *Cit.* *OCC*
Harold Schwarzenberger, of German birth, a student at the university, who introduced himself to Mrs. Docheff on a street near the university. At later meetings with Mrs. Docheff, he confided that he belonged to a "leftist cell" at the university. He attempted to have Mrs. Docheff attend meetings but she refused to do so. *A.W. Germany*

Former *(Fw.)* *Cit. USA* *OCC*
(First name unknown) Paladino, an American, a student at the university, who told Mrs. Docheff that he had been a major in the United States Army. According to Mrs. Docheff, Paladino had failed most of his examinations at the university and had been asked to leave. He went to Bonn, Germany, saw someone in the Department of Education, was permitted to return to the university to continue his studies and had no trouble in obtaining passing grades in his courses. When he returned to the university, Paladino became a close friend of Frau Botz and was observed on a number of occasions visiting her office. *A.W. Germany*

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W 6201 *Cit: USA acc*
Hanelon Daniels, an American, a student at the university, and a close friend of Frau Botz. Daniels frequently sought Mrs. Docheff out to inquire about Bulgarians she knew in Germany, and in Bulgaria, and also was very interested in knowing of the work of the BNF. *AW: Germany*

W 6201 *Cit* *acc*
Glen Helmik, of Germany birth, a student at the university, frequently contacted Mrs. Docheff and expressed an interest in knowing Bulgarians that she might know in Bulgaria and West Germany. He told Mrs. Docheff that he had studied at the Army Language School in Monterey, California, and had a slight knowledge of the Bulgarian language. He also said that he knew one of the professors at the school who teaches Bulgarian and gave his name as Velezarov (phonetic), a former colonel in the Bulgarian Army. *AW: Germany*

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